Name	Mission Objectives	Weight	Orbit	Launch Date	Launch Vehicle
*Tenth Scientific Satellite (Planet-A)	Observe the interplanetary plasma in the inner region of the earth orbit as well as take close-up ultraviolet images of the coma of Halley's comet.	125 kg	Heliocentric	1985	M-3SII
*Eleventh Scientific Satellite (Astro-C)	Observe more precisely than Astro-B the behavior of celestial X-ray sources both in our galaxy in far-away galaxies.	400 kg	Circular	1987	M-3SII

*Scheduled as of late 1983.

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The Dollar Takes a Dive Against the Yen

For several days the financial markets were all a-twitter as the dollar dropped sharply against the yen, though it now seems to be leveling out once again. Beginning in New York and London on Friday, March 2, the change hit the Tokyo foreign exchange market on Monday, March 5. Using data for the Tokyo exchange, the median interbank rate moved from Y233.2=$1 on March 2 to Y226.3 on March 5, a three-percent change in one trading day. The jump was accompanied by a record spot market volume of $3.61 billion dollars, more than 50 percent higher than the previous record. The change continued on March 6 and 7, with the yen peaking at Y221.7, with continued high volumes of $3.0 billion and $2.3 billion on the spot market. Since that time, the yen's gains have eroded to a Y225 level on volumes that are lower than earlier in the week but still much higher than average.

Trade and Payments Data
(in millions of dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	1982	1983	January 1983	January 1984	November 1983	December 1983	January 1984
Japan's Balance of Payments							
Trade Balance	$ 18,079	$ 31,649*	$ -634	$ 290*	$ 2,115*	$ 3,863*	$ 290*
Exports (f.o.b.)	137,663	145,429*	9,323	10,126*	12,174*	14,866*	10,126*
Imports (f.o.b.)	119,584	113,780*	9,957	9,836*	10,059*	11,003*	9,836*
Current Account Balance	6,850	21,024*	-1,532	-526*	868*	3,315*	-526*
Long-Term Capital (net)	-14,969	-17,798*	-563	-1,738*	-1,412*	-1,882*	-1,738*
Overall Balance	-4,971	5,177	-2,218	-2,383	1,078	1,037	-2,383
International Reserves (end of period)	23,262	24,496	23,593	24,669	24,697	24,496	24,669
Japan's Customs Clearance Trade							
Trade Balance	6,900	20,455*	-1,698	-865*	1,194	2,872*	-865*
Exports (f.o.b.)	138,831	146,932*	9,227	10,191*	12,415	15,222*	10,191*
Cars	18,015	19,540*	1,623	1,650*	1,611	1,816*	1,650*
Steel	15,645	12,850*	853	909*	1,078	1,340*	909*
Imports (c.i.f.)	131,931	126,478*	10,925	11,056*	11,221	12,350*	11,056*
Crude Oil	46,274	40,063*	4,180	3,283*	3,536	4,286*	3,283*
Japan-U.S. Trade							
Trade Balance	12,151	18,135*	604	1,265*	1,937	2,205*	1,265*
Exports (f.o.b.)	36,330	42,821*	2,525	3,404*	4,022	4,654*	3,404*
Imports (c.i.f.)	24,179	24,686*	1,921	2,139*	2,085	2,450*	2,139*
Yen-Dollar Exchange Rate							
Tokyo Spot Market (end of period)	Y235.00	Y232.20	---	---	Y234.00	Y232.20	Y234.80
U.S.-Japan Trade							
Trade Balance	-16,778	-19,289	-1,352	-2,760	-1,931	-1,721	-2,760
Exports (f.a.s.)	20,966	21,894	1,601	1,854	2,095	2,085	1,854
Industrial Supplies	9,173	8,734	714	724	797	875	724
Food and Feed	4,971	5,555	373	525	535	437	525
Capital Goods	4,434	5,116	321	391	555	567	391
Consumer Goods	1,356	1,394	106	109	111	112	109
Imports (Customs)	37,744	41,183	2,953	4,614	4,025	3,807	4,614
Automotive Products	12,890	14,919	1,101	1,515	1,399	1,443	1,515
Industrial Supplies	6,795	5,391	407	609	514	493	609
Consumer Goods	7,842	8,296	607	868	837	768	868
Capital Goods	9,530	11,896	790	1,547	1,219	1,045	1,547

*Preliminary

Japanese Economic Indicators

(percentage change from year-earlier period unless otherwise indicated)

	1981	1982	January-December 1982	January-December 1983	October 1983	November 1983	December 1983
Discount Rate (end of period)	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Outstanding Money Supply	8.9%	9.2%	9.2%	7.4%	7.2%	6.8%	7.6%
Industrial Production	1.0%	0.3%	0.3%	3.5%	8.2%	7.9%	9.6%
Manufacturing Operating Rate	-4.6%	-2.9%	-2.9%	1.6%	7.6%	7.1%	8.9%
Number of Bankruptcies	-1.5%	-2.8%	-2.8%	11.9%	13.1%	17.7%	16.6%
Residential Construction Starts	-9.2%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.8%	-2.0%	-1.6%	6.9%
Job Openings to Applications (ratio)	0.68	0.61	0.61	0.60	0.60	0.63	0.64
Nominal Wages	5.3%	4.5%	2.5%	3.5%	3.3%	2.6%	3.0%
Labor Productivity	2.4%	1.0%	1.4%**	3.5%**	9.6%	n.a.	n.a.
Wholesale Prices	1.4%	1.8%	1.8%	-2.2%	-4.0%	-3.7%	-2.2%
Consumer Prices	4.9%	2.7%	2.7%	1.9%	1.4%	1.8%	1.8%
Yen-Based Export Prices	1.2%	3.9%	3.9%	-6.0%	-8.6%	-6.8%	-3.1%
Yen-Based Import Prices	1.6%	7.9%	7.9%	-7.8%	-15.0%	-14.2%	-9.5%

**Through October of each year only.

For Japan's most recent GNP figures, see JEI Report No. 1B, January 6, 1984.